

## NEGATIVELY BIASING DESELECTED MEMORY CELLS

### Abstract of the Disclosure

In one embodiment, the present invention includes a method to supply a negative voltage to at least one  
5 deselected wordline of a memory array. Further, while the negative voltage is supplied to deselected wordlines, a positive voltage may be supplied to a selected wordline. The memory array may be a flash memory incorporating multi-level cell architecture, in one embodiment.

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